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 ACTIVITIES



City of Encinitas

Sustainability Best Practice Activities

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California communities are leading the fight against climate change. From small projects to large-scale programs, cities and counties are making great strides to create healthy, sustainable and economically prosperous communities. Participants in ILG's Beacon Program serve as leaders in this effort, making measureable contributions to reducing energy and greenhouse gas emissions, and sharing their sustainability best practices.

This document represents a collection of activities your agency has completed in 10 areas of sustainability. While local governments have a wide range of choices available to address climate change, these activities represent the unique opportunities and values in your community. These voluntary actions are essential to achieving California's goals to save energy, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and create more sustainable communities.

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Areas of Accomplishment		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
	Agency GHG Reductions			
	Community GHG Reductions			
	Agency Energy Savings			
	Natural Gas Savings			
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities	2016		
	Beacon Award			

Cities and counties throughout the Golden State should be proud of the accomplishments made through the hard work, innovation and collective community action. The Institute for Local Government applauds your achievements and thanks you for your continued participation in the Beacon Program.

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Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activities

Silver

1. In 2012, the City of Encinitas' Civic Center became one of the first municipal centers in Southern California to be Silver LEED certified.

Gold

Platinum





Water & Wastewater Systems Activities

Silver

1. The San Elijo Joint Powers Authority operates and maintains the city's Recycled Water Program that requires recycled water be used for any purpose approved for non-domestic water use to the maximum extent possible.

Gold

Platinum





Green Building Activities

Silver

1. The city library incorporated green building standards into its facility with features like: thermal displacement ventilation, automatic daylight harvesting, energy efficient equipment, and post-consumer recycled content material.

Gold

Platinum





Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities

Silver

1. In 2014, the city resurfaced streets with an asphalt emulsion mixture that contains a combination of recycled tire rubber and synthetic rubber.

Gold

Platinum





Climate-friendly Purchasing Activities

Silver

1. The city developed an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy to promote sustainability in purchasing practices.

Gold

Platinum





Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activities

Silver

1. In 2016, the City of Encinitas implemented a full-service, fast charging, electric vehicle plaza project. The station will comprise a 10-charger, 50 KW DC array, a 250/500 MWh energy storage system and 24 high-efficiency solar panels, plus 1000 square feet of indoor retail space.

Gold

Platinum





Efficient Transportation Activities

Silver

1. The city completed its Encinitas Boulevard project that provided connectivity to a school, park, and Community and Senior Center and eased access to bus stops and neighborhoods.

Gold

Platinum





Land Use and Community Design Activities

Silver

1. In 2011, the Encinitas City Council adopted its Climate Action Plan which outlines a course of action for community and municipal GHG emissions reductions and looks to lessen the potential impacts of climate change.

Gold

Platinum





Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities

Silver

1. Encinitas is part of the Multiple Habitat Conservation Program Plan, which was adopted in March 2003, and includes Encinitas, Carlsbad, Escondido, Oceanside, San Marcos and Vista and is approved by SANDAG.

Gold

Platinum





Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities

Silver

1. Over 25 city employees participated in three workshops hosted by the city for the Center for Sustainable Energy's Home Energy Coach Program. The program helps employees identify and implement energy and water savings in their home. The 25 employees received over 150 LED bulbs, nearly 20 low-flow showerheads, and close to 40 thermostatic shower shut-off valves and faucet aerators.

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